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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON DTD 16 MAY FROM DANANG

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L DANANG 533

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 108,
MAY 16, 1973

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

A. THE LEVEL OF REPORTED CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS REMAINED LOW AT ELEVEN FOR MAY 15, INCLUDING ONE GROUND ATTACK, SEVEN ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), AND ONE MAJOR TERRORIST INCIDENT. FIVE ABFS TOTALLING 170 MORTAR ROUNDS OCCURRED IN THE FIRST DIVISION AO WEST OF HUE. THE GROUND ATTACK AND ONE ABF OCCURRED IN THE THIRD DIVISION AO IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. TOTAL CASUALTIES: FRIENDLY 8 KIA, 22 WIA; ENEMY 10 KIA. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 1,743 ROUNDS; 680 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS AND 1,063 SOUTH.

B. DURING BRIEFING MAY 16, I CORPS G-2 STATED THAT VNAF HAS ENJOINED ITS PILOTS NOT TO FLY OVER ENEMY- HELD TERRITORY FOR
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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OR RECONNAISSANCE.

C. IN THE SAME BRIEFING IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE VC EXPLODED A DEVICE IN A CROWD OF SEVERAL THOUSAND PERSONS IN THAN BINH DISTRICT, QUANG, TIN PROVINCE , KILLING SEVERAL CIVILIANS.

2. REFUGEES AND RESETTLEMENT:

DURING A VISIT TO MR I THIS PAST WEEKEND, DR. PHAN QUANG DAN, MINISTER OF LAND DEVELOPMENT AND HAMLET RECONSTRUCTION, PUSH FOR A AN AMBITIOUS REGION- WIDE PROGRAM OF GETTING REFUGEES BACK OUT ONTO THE LAND. DIRECTOR, CONGEN RRO, REPORTS THAT DAN BELIEVE IT IS FEASIBLE TO RETURN OR RESETTLE ALL REFUGEES NOW IN CAMPS IN MR I BY SEPTEMBER 1973.

3. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES:

THE AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANANG AREA (ADDA) HAS SUCCESSFULLY WON AN IMPORTANT STRUGGLE IN LIMITING PROFITS FOR THEIR CONTRACTORS ON SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE CITY, 1,700 LABORERS FROM AMONG THE REFUGEE CAMP POPULATION IN DANANG (REF DANANG 286) ARE NOW EMPLOYED. ADDA HOPES TO EMPLOY SOME 5,000 LABORERS ON THIS AND OTHER PROJECTS TO HELP RELIEVE THE CRITICAL UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN DANANG. THOMSEN UNQUOTE WHITEHOUSE

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